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(March 30, 2005- TROY)- Mayor Harry Tutunjian will be part of a contingent at the Knickerbacker Ice Rink TONIGHT for a Victory Party and send-off for the Hudson Valley Eagles hockey team at 7:30 p.m.

The Eagles, who play their home games at the Knickerbacker Ice Rink, are leaving Thursday morning to play in Minnesota for the 2005 Junior National Championship. The Eagles recently won the Metropolitan Junior Hockey League Championship, and have earned the right to play in Minnesota for the National Championship. They leave Albany International Airport at 6 a.m. on Thursday.

Ranging in age from 15 to 21, the Eagles already had had a remarkable season before defeating Suffolk PAL this past weekend in a two-game series for the right to play for the Junior National Championship. The team currently has 25 players on its roster, some from as far away as Sweden and Alaska. There are also six players from the City of Troy.

“This team keeps reaching new heights each time it heads out on to the ice,” Tutunjian said. “We’re rooting for them as they head out to Minnesota and hope they can bring a National Championship back to Troy.”

All members of the media are encouraged to attend the send-off tonight at 7:30 p.m. Footage of the team practicing can be obtained that day as well. The team will begin practicing at 6 p.m. in the ice rink, which is located at 103rd Street and 8th Avenue. Interviews with Coach Keith McAdams will also be available following the practice.